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EMPLOYMENT TO DEPENDENTS OF KARGIL MARTYRS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangement has been made for employment of the dependents of the soldiers killed in Kargil War;

(b) if so, the total number of soldiers killed and the number of their dependents provided with employment in the Armed Forces, Defence Undertakings and other Undertakings of Public Sector; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide the employment opportunities in Public Sector Undertakings to the remaining dependents of the soldiers killed in Kargil War?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c) : There were 522 Army personnel and 5 Air Force personnel killed in the Kargil conflict. The dependents of these personnel are covered under the existing policy of the Government for providing employment on compassionate grounds and they are accorded priority in such employment. Several State Governments have announced policy to provide employment to one dependent of the family of soldiers belonging to that State, killed in Kargil conflict. Ministry of Railways have also earmarked 100 posts for providing employment to the dependents of the Kargil martyrs.

The number of dependents who have been provided employment so far is not available.